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## **SARATOGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 2:45 PM 40 MCMASTER STREET, BALLSTON SPA, NY**

PRESENT: Supervisor John E. Lawler, SCWA Chairman; Gregory Connors, Supervisor Anita Daly, Mary Beth Hynes, Supervisor Arthur Johnson, Kevin King, Charles Wait, SCWA Board Members; William Simcoe, SCWA Executive Director; Craig Crist, SCWA Counsel; Dan Loewenstein, Malcolm Pirnie; Ed Vopelak, C.T. Male; Mike Dunn, Kubricky Construction; Press.

Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Mr. Wait seconded by Ms. Hynes the minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Lawler asked Mr. Simcoe to give a status report; Mr. Simcoe stated that the in terms of expenditures the project is 86% complete, all of the pipe has been installed, and most of the pipe has been tested.

Mr. Simcoe stated that the Water Authority office was moving from the temporary location in Ballston Spa to the Water Treatment Plant Site. Mr. Simcoe explained that they would be in a construction trailer at the site until the Administration Building has a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Simcoe distributed updated contact information to the Board and stated that the information would be posted on the Authority's website.

Mr. Simcoe introduced Mike Dunn from Kubricky Construction to discuss the schedule for Contract 2G. Mr. Dunn stated that they are currently on schedule for the Pall startup to begin the third week in October. Mr. Dunn said that the Pall startup is scheduled for a six week period, but after having discussions with Pall they believe it can be reduced to four weeks. Mr. Dunn said that he believes they are still on schedule for final completion on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Lawler asked if there was a completion schedule with dates for individual tasks, Mr. Dunn stated that there was. Mr. Dunn explained that the project is very complicated; he stated that they are installing complex instrumentation and machinery and if something goes wrong it could affect a lot of other components. Mr. Dunn stated that Kubricky Construction feels very confident that they will complete the project on schedule. Chairman Lawler said that it was critical that Kubricky completes their portion of the project by the December date that had been agreed upon by the Authority Board.

Mr. Simcoe reported that he was in receipt of substantial completion certificates for Contracts 4 and 6. Mr. Simcoe said that DOT is ready to turn their section of the pipeline over to the SCWA. Mr. Simcoe stated that Delaney Construction had agreements with Contractors on adjacent sections of the pipeline to have access to perform pressure testing and disinfection. Mr. Simcoe continued stating that SCWA has taken ownership of the adjacent pipe and he had received requests from Delaney Construction to allow access to those sections of the pipeline to perform pressure testing and disinfection. Chairman Lawler said he did not see any problem with allowing Delaney access to SCWA owned pipeline and asked the Board if they had any objections, there were none.

Chairman Lawler stated that there was an installation estimate from Time Warner in the amount of \$7,800. Mr. Simcoe stated that the estimate was to run the Time Warner line to the Administration Building to provide broadband internet access. Chairman Lawler asked Mr. Simcoe if there was a Verizon connection, Mr. Simcoe answered that only DSL is available in the area of the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Lawler asked if DSL would work for the Authority until Time Warner could get access to the Verizon poll, Mr. Simcoe said it would.

Mr. Simcoe presented Construction Fund and Operating Costs vouchers which had been distributed to the Board; Construction Fund vouchers totaled \$666,791.60 and Operating Costs vouchers totaled \$59,506.69. Mr. King stated that he had reviewed a majority of the vouchers with the exception of a few which he had just received that day. Mr. King stated that he would be finished with his review by tomorrow. **Mr. Connors moved to approve the payment vouchers pending the review by the Treasurer, Mr. Wait seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (SCWA Resolution 2009-70)**

Mr. Simcoe stated that copies of the Change Orders had been given to Board members and presented Change Orders pending approval; Contract 2G No. 44 is to provide concrete walk-out landings to address NYSDOS code access issues at the switchgear building, Contract 2G No. 45 is to add an additional riser section to surge vault to provide clearance for the surge valve, and Contract 2G No. 46 is to add safety chains at bulk storage and CIP areas to address code concerns. Contract 2H Change Order No. 8 is to provide VFD that will match the other units, and Contract 5 Change Order No. 9 is for four 10 ft. stem extensions at Putnam Brook and two 5 ft. stem extensions at Bloomfield Road. **Ms. Hynes moved to approve Contract 2G Change Orders 44, 45 and 46. Contract 2H Change Order 8 and Contract 5 Change Order 9, Mr. Connors seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (SCWA Resolution 2009-71)**

Mr. Crist stated that the Chemical Supply Contracts and the Water System Maintenance Contracts should be executed by the next meeting.

Mr. Crist reported that Becatech has had a copy of the draft Security Contract since the day after Labor Day and he has not received any comments or revision requests.

On a motion by Mr. Wait, seconded by Mr. Connors the meeting adjourned to Executive Session for discussions regarding litigation and contract negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel E. Soulier